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Dear Colleagues:

As you may know, on March 15, 2002 there will be substantial reductions in the MassHealth adult dental benefits program. The Bureau is undertaking an initiative to quickly inform all of those consumers and providers who may be affected by this cut in benefits. The attached fact sheet identifies key information and deadlines we would like you to share with your colleagues and clients.

Although many adults will lose dental benefits, there are important exceptions, particularly for people with disabilities. Anyone with a disability or illness who may qualify for this special circumstance exception and needs dental work should ask their dentist to request special circumstances prior authorization from MassHealth by **March 25, 2002**. If the request is submitted on time, individuals will be able to receive dental work otherwise available only to MassHealth adult members with special circumstances designation pending a decision and pending appeal, if any.

For more detailed information regarding the new regulations and notices to consumers and providers go to [www.state.ma.us/dma/whatsnew/new2.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dma/whatsnew/new2.htm). Thank you again for sharing this important information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JFM'.

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Director  
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